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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.

5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

6. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims, and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite Index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.

7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.

9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.

10. JOBS "70" - On the Job Training including supportive services.

11. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

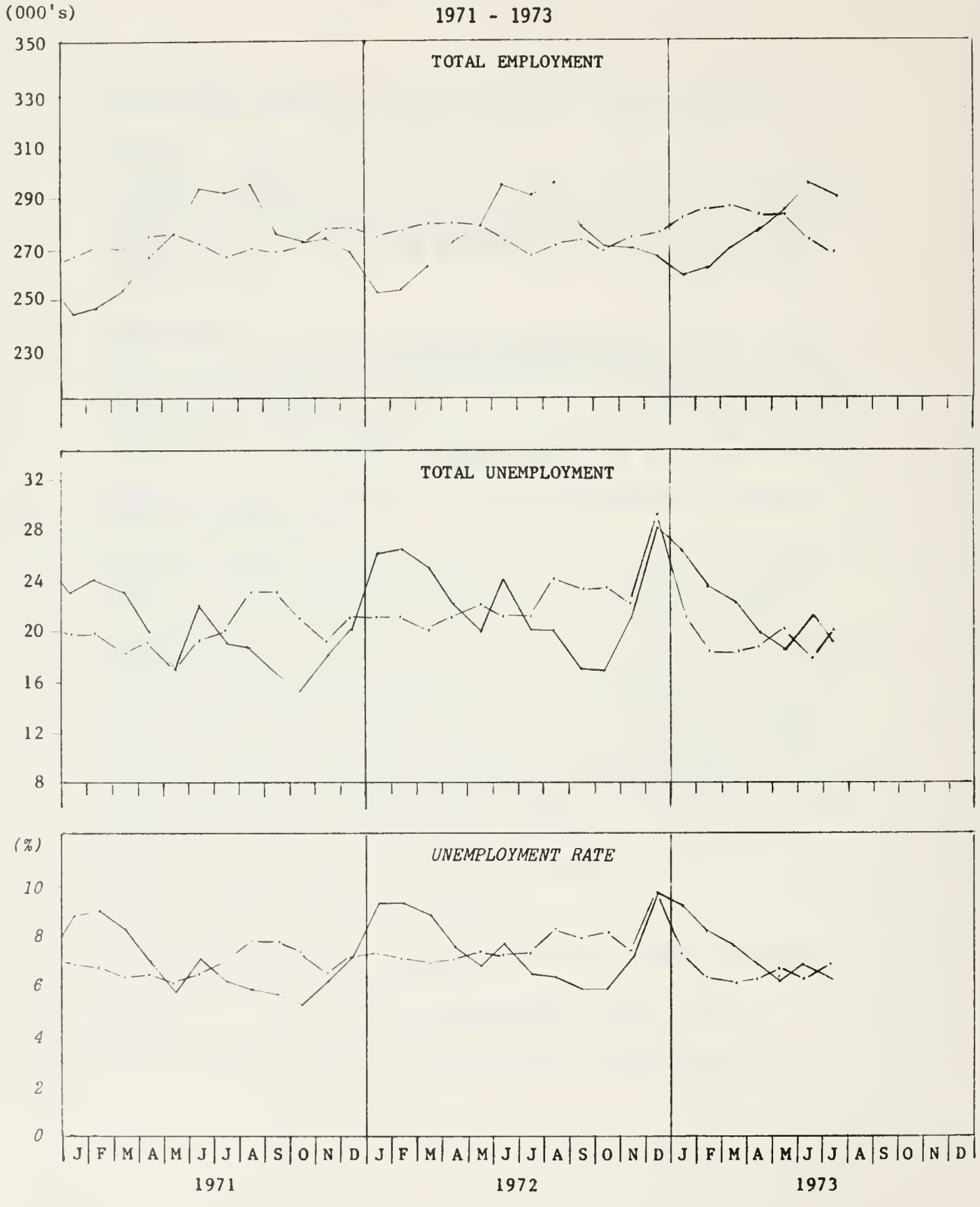
- UNEMPLOYMENT -

- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

JULY 1973

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(Seasonally Adjusted: .-.-)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

JULY 1973

STATE OF MONTANA — The civilian work force in Montana for June was 316,400, an increase of 13,700 from May, but a decrease of 6,900 from June of 1972. Total employment for June was 295,400, a 1,120 increase from May; however, a decrease from June 1972 by 2,900. June's unemployment rate stood at 6.6% compared to 6.7% for last month and 7.7% for June one year ago.

Nonagriculture wage and salary employment was 224,600 during June, 7,300 more than in May and a 5,500 increase from June 1972. Total manufacturing employment in Montana for June was 25.1 thousand, a gain of 600 from May, but a decrease from June 1972 by 100. The industry mainly attributed for June increase in employment over the previous month was the lumber and woods products.

Total nonmanufacturing employment for June was 199,500, an increase of 6.7 thousand from May and an increase of 5.6 thousand from June of 1972. Industries up both from last month and from June of 1972 were: contract construction, up 1,100 from May and up 300 from one year ago; wholesale and retail trade, up 1,200 from May and up 2,700 from one year ago; finance, insurance, and real estate, up 100 from May and up 200 from one year ago; service, up 1,800 from May and up 600 from one year ago; government, up 2,300 from last month and up 1,600 from one year ago. The mining industry employment remained the same as last month's but had a 400 increase over June of 1972. Transportation and utilities increased 200 over May but showed a decrease of 200 for the same period one year ago.

Agricultural employment was 43,000 for June in Montana, an increase of 1,400 over May; however, this was a decrease of 6,500 from June 1972.

The aggregate crop production in Montana will be up in 1973 due largely to increased acreages. Montana's total wheat production is expected to be 112.7 million bushels, 14% more than last year. The estimated 4.1 million acres for harvest is up 10% from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 60.3 million bushels, 25% more than last year and the largest crop since 1969. The forecast is for a 29.0 bushel yield per acre. Hard spring wheat production is forecast at 47.3 million bushels, 2% more than last year, and acres for harvest at 1.8 million are up 2% from 1972 and will yield 26.0 bushels per acre, the same as last year. Durum wheat crop is forecast at 5.0 million bushels, 19% more than last year resulting from increased acres for harvest.

A record 76.0 million bushel barley crop is expected this year, 19% more than last year. The 2.0 million acres expected is also a record and 17% increase over last year. Yield is forecast at 38 bushels, one-half bushel above last year. Oats production at 9.7 million bushels is down 18% from last year and the 230,000 acres for harvest and 42.0 bushel yield are both down from one year ago.

Acreage estimates for other crops show dry beans and hay down in production and sugar-beets and flaxseed up in production.

Montana pasture and range feed conditions ranged from poor to fair by July 1. Range feed supplies are generally short in all but the eastern third of the state. Short supplies of feed in some areas are causing ranchers to move cattle from summer ranges. A portion of these cattle are going to market, particularly in the northwest and northcentral regions of the state because of the shortage of range grass and lack of hay. For the most part cattle and calves are generally in good condition in Montana.

Production of crude oil and condensate from the oil and gas areas of Montana for the month of April, 1973 averaged 93,112 barrels daily, a decrease of 1,999 barrels from the average March production. The nine refineries in the state processed 116,678 barrels of crude oil daily for the month of April, a decrease of 22,216 barrels processed daily during March. During April, 45 wells were completed, 6 oil, 6 gas, and 33 dry holes.

Montana showed a 13% increase in bank debits for May of this year as compared to May 1972, the figures being $1,259,844,000 compared to $1,117,364,000. The cumulative January through May total is $6,088,451,000, or an 18% increase over that same period in 1972. The 12-month total through May of 1973 is $14,039,508,000, or a 16% increase over last year.

Total number of building permits increased in Montana during May but the valuation decreased. This May, 483 permits were issued compared to 473 for the same period one year ago. Total valuation for May 1973 was $9,528,000 as compared to $13,566,000 for May of last year. The state's two metropolitan areas total permits and total valuations were as follows: Billings had 122 permits valued at $2,452,000 and Great Falls had 101 permits valued at $2,224,000.

ANACONDA Construction activity remains good in the area, as construction of the new Arbitor Plant, the street improvement project and the new housing development are moving along. The local smelter has been hiring extra help mainly to fill in for summer vacation slots. In Deer Lodge, three new multiple housing units are being built. These are: a $38,000, 16-room apartment house, a 46-room, $200,453, two-story apartment building, and a $124,000, 40-room apartment unit. Agricultural activity in the area includes irrigation, haying and general ranch work. Logging is continuing at a normal pace with openings noted for fallers and skidders.

BILLINGS All construction activity remained quite heavy in Billings during the past month and a shortage of skilled tradesmen was noted. Yellowstone county officials and businessmen broke ground for a $4.4 million multi-use building. Also, bids will be taken in August on a new Career Center building with an estimated cost of $3.5 million, and a $750,000 grade school. A new large chain restaurant was started the first week in July with opening set for the end of this year. Residential construction continues at a brisk pace. Work still continues in the Colstrip and Sarpy Creek areas with work in the coal fields and at the steam generating plant going at a fast pace. Farm work has slowed down as most demand appears to be for hay hands and a few openings for married couples on farms and ranches.

BOZEMAN All major construction projects in the area are at full swing. Construction activities at Big Sky are in the initial stages and approximately 100 men are employed pouring footings and working on forms for foundations. A sidewalk repair job worth over $30,000 has been awarded to two contractors and will get underway shortly. Construction of a new chain restaurant is nearing completion with an opening date set for mid-July and will employ about 30 people. A permit valued at $480,000 was issued to enlarge a motel in Bozeman. Logging and sawmill operations have slowed somewhat as one mill closed temporarily for mill repairs and a shortage of logs. Retail trade is good as tourists are stimulating downtown sales. In agriculture, the first cutting of alfalfa is underway and irrigating of small grain is in full swing.

BUTTE Construction during the past month continued at a steady pace as work has started on a $1.9

BUTTE (Cont.) million, 100-bed Silver Bow Hospital Annex Nursing Home, and the Gregson resort complex construction has 67 working. County commissioners opened bids for paving and lighting projects at Bert Mooney airport to provide additional taxiways and turning areas for planes. Total cost will be approximately $350,000. A new chain restaurant nearing completion is due to open in August, and the Port of Butte is slowly moving with plans for utilization of more employment. The mining industry continued at a steady pace during the month with 39 summer employees, 3 sheet metal workers, 30 truck drivers, and 5 machinists hired. A shortage of experienced miners does exist, however. The main agricultural activities were irrigation and preparation for haying.

CUT BANK With warm and dry weather agricultural activities included summer fallowing, irrigating and some swathing of hay, fence repair and general farm and ranch work. The two manufacturing plants in Browning are doing some hiring. A tribal corporation presently engaged in building prefabricated homes has an employment that fluctuates between 50 and 90 people. Construction activities include a nursing home project, a cattle ring, the Browning Junior High School, Cut Bank High School, and an addition to a local hospital. Oilfield activity during the month included mostly small pulling rigs maintaining present wells.

DILLON Work continued on the construction and oiling of the interstate highway during the past several weeks with several crews at work. Work also continued on the renovation of the telephone building that was badly damaged recently by a gas explosion. Steel girders and outside wall panels for the new theater building are being erected, and 12 new homes are under construction. A new Montana chain grocery store opened during June in Dillon with 4 employees plus the manager. Main agricultural activities the past month have been irrigating, haying and fencing.

GLASGOW Labor activity in the local area was mainly in construction but contractors are operating with limited crews as no new contracts are in sight in the immediate future. Work continues on a new steakhouse and motel in Malta. Included in this building will be a steakhouse, coffee shop, banquet facilities for 130 persons, and 28 motel units. Total valuation of the project is $600,000. Bank debits in Glasgow during May showed an increase of 27% from the same period one year ago. In dollars, Glasgow bank debits volume during May was $17,267,000. The weather has been warm and the moisture is adequate as agricultural activities include irrigation, haying and summer fallowing.

GLENDIVE With good weather the past month retail downtown business has been picking up as the influx of tourist trade continues. Construction work is progressing on the college and elementary school additions. Oilfield activity has been slow with no large amount of hiring, but farmers are busy now haying with harvest starting shortly.

GREAT FALLS A $7 million expansion of the electrolytic copper refinery in Great Falls was announced. The project is scheduled for completion in early 1975 and will increase employment at the plant by about 100 jobs. During June, 8 permits were issued for construction of 14 units. Valuation for total building permits in Great Falls for the month were $735,891. Work is continuing on a new $250,000 refuse pulverizer, and a million dollar shopping center on the city's northwest side. Bank debits in Great Falls during May totaled $229,611,000, a 1% increase over the same period one year ago. Hot, dry weather has speeded up hay harvest and is bringing on grain harvest prematurely, beginning about July 30.

HAMILTON Employment activity was good during the past month as the construction and logging industries were stable and an upswing in retail trade and government hiring was noted. New housing starts were noted this month, and progress on the Hamilton sewer and curbing projects, and the Bell Crossing road project are on schedule. Latest available data indicates that precipitation in the area is only 63% of normal and farmers and ranchers are concerned over a possible shortage of irrigation water. The Forest Service has also expressed concern that a fire season may be critical, and unless some moisture is received it may be necessary to shut down logging operations in the late summer. Retail and service industries are doing volume business as tourism is still increasing. There has been considerable mowing of hay in the area and there is some demand for good help.

HAVRE Activity in the local area has been steady the past month as most construction jobs are working with full crews. Work has begun on the new North Montana Hospital and on a new manor lodge. A new chain restaurant specializing in chicken has opened. Wholesale and retail trade and service industries continue to show a fair amount of activity with some hiring taking place. Exploration drilling has shown some activity during the past month as one company staked six tests west and northwest of Tiger Ridge field. Outlook for employment in the agricultural field also improved with the weather remaining warm and dry. The main activities have been summer fallowing, irrigation and haying.

HELENA Labor market activity has remained stable in Helena during the past month with all industries showing increased seasonal trend. The new Y.M.C.A. Center opened this month with such facilities as an Olympic-size swimming pool, gymnasium, running track, game rooms, office rooms and conference rooms. Building construction work continues on a new discount shopping store which in time will develop into a shopping center complex. Also, Lewis and Clark county awarded a $35,270 contract for replacement of two bridges in the Helena Valley, and renovation of Helena downtown area keeps moving at a rapid pace. Main agricultural activity in the area has been haying with the labor supply meeting the demand.

KALISPELL Construction activity is on the upswing with work accelerating on commercial projects. A new power substation will be built three miles north of Kalispell for $247,979 which will transform voltage for Flathead Valley power service. Work is to be completed in October. Other construction activity in the area includes a contract awarded by Flathead County for a $73,240 juvenile women's detention center; an $82,435 contract awarded by the local school district for construction of a 60 x 120 foot transportation building; reviewing of plans for a $750,000 car dealership complex; pouring of foundations for the new $10.5 million fiberboard plant in Columbia Falls that will create another 120 jobs in the area; ground breaking starting on a new 67,000 square foot shopping complex and a 26,000 square foot grocery store to be in the same building; and concrete pouring on Kalispell's secondary water treatment plant. Service and retail trade industries have leveled off as the tourist season impact has been at its peak for several weeks. Demand for woods workers was strong during the past month with employment running at full capacity. Main agricultural activities for the month included general farm work, hay harvest, and shearing of Christmas trees grown in plantations.

LEWISTOWN A wood processing industry will be established in Lewistown that will employ between 80 and 100 people, with others working in logging and contracting. Construction of the plant is expected to start soon and plans are to

LEWISTOWN (Cont.) have it in operation before the end of 1974. Two contracts have been awarded a local contractor for two road projects near Lewistown worth about $30,000. Both projects are to be completed by September 10. Progress has been good on the two new dams for the local area watershed program, and a new warehouse has been completed and a new professional building is progressing rapidly. In Harlowton, the new Wheatland county jail will be built near the courthouse. The value of the project is $89,428. Main street activities were up and continue to be good, and the main agricultural activity has been haying.

LIBBY Lincoln county agreed to issue nearly $6 million in county revenue bonds for a construction plant near Libby for coping with air and pollution problems of a lumber mill. Two construction contracts were awarded by the city of Libby for construction of a $25,439 sewer line and a $59,000 sanitary sewer. In other construction activity, work began in June on a 3-story, 52-unit motel including a lounge, restaurant and convention center on a 2½ acre site. With the completion of Libby Dam growing nearer, the Forest Service has set several sites in the Kootenai National Forest for proposed development. A commercial resort and marina is to be built with cost estimates from $300,000 to $750,000 for initial construction and $2,500,000 for long term development. Employment on Libby Dam dropped during the month and stands at about 1,100. Closure of the woods in the area has resulted from the high fire danger. This has caused the woods mills manufacturing department to close due to lack of logs.

MILES CITY Excavation got underway at the site of the $1,543,000 water treatment plant for Miles City this month. Completion date is set for late May 1974. A new chain restaurant is now under construction and is scheduled to open in October. Forsyth, a small community 45 miles west of Miles City is also experiencing some noticeable building construction. These projects include: Construction of a new 26-bed hospital and an 18-bed addition to the nursing home for a combined total of $1,050,653; a local bank is building a 20-foot extension to their present facility; a foundation has been poured in Forsyth and now awaits construction of a 50 x 100 foot building to house a showroom and repair shop for farm implements; final plans have been made for a new 17,000 square foot building to house a new motor company; and construction of a new grocery store is now underway. Other nonagricultural industries are remaining steady and the supply of qualified workers is meeting the demand. Haying activities are in full swing with some areas completed. Other agricultural activities include thinning sugar beets and harvesting winter wheat.

MISSOULA Activities in all of the major industrial areas for the month continued to be steady with strong demands for woods workers, hay hands, and food service people. A new pizza inn is scheduled to open in August and will employ about 20 workers and a new pancake restaurant is planning a September opening with a staff of 35 people. Contracts were awarded durng the past month for construction of a $1 million laboratory addition to a local hospital which will begin immediately. Ground was also broken for a new chain grocery food store and several small new business buildings. Logging remained full speed ahead at present with the smaller log haulers back to work but with the extreme high fire danger in the woods, there could be a curtailment of activity if moisture doesn't come. Haying is underway in all 5 valleys surrounding Missoula.

POLSON Main Street merchants are busy as tourist traffic reaches its peak and the many summer residents now move into the area. Construction work is good with a lot of house construction

POLSON (Cont.) and highway construction as road widening south of Polson has begun. Plans are also set for a new 20-unit apartment and a motel-marina complex to be started this summer. In Ronan a 32-unit motel complex is scheduled to be built soon and it is hoped operational by early fall. Value of the project will exceed one-half million dollars. Sawmill and logging work remains steady. The main agricultural activities are haying and sprinkler irrigating with cherry pickers starting to arrive for a harvest around July 20.

SHELBY A 1,000-head feedlot, covering about 4 acres was announced this month. The new Shelby area business will start initially with 1,000 head with possible expansion to 2,500 head, and should be in operation about October 1. The feedlot will amount to $1.5 million to $2 million per year, which means all raw products will be acquired in this area to benefit this area of Montana. No new construction projects were started this month in the vicinity, and the wholesale-retail trade remained steady. Mining is beginning to slow down with more layoffs noted recently. With the extremely hot and dry weather, limited agricultural activity has taken place. A very light hay crop is being cut at this time, and winter wheat is turning color but a very poor crop is expected if moisture is not received soon.

SIDNEY Construction will begin August 1 on a new $244,000 23 acre mobile home subdivision within the city limits which will be completed by October. A new motel will open August 1, which will employ at least six persons, and another new business, dealing with fabrics will open shortly. Highway and bridge construction continues in full swing with crews working 10 to 12 hours per day in an effort to complete 2 miles of 4-lane highway immediately south of the city. Sugar beet thinning and weeding is now completed and haying, both alfalfa and prairie hay cutting is well underway.

THOMPSON FALLS All employment levels are high and stable and there are plans to increase a logging operation by one-third near this small logging community. A demand for experienced woods workers has existed all month. The demand for agriculture workers has picked up slightly during the month but it appears to be a little below previous years.

WOLF POINT Farm demands are increasing as winter wheat harvest will be starting in another couple of weeks. The main agricultural activities at present are haying, irrigating and summer fallowing. Retail trade remained steady during the month as mild weather helped create the increase in downtown activity the past month. Construction is moving at a good pace with all projects going along as scheduled and with some hiring being done. However, supply for these jobs is meeting the demand.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

Employment levels should remain high during August. Construction activities, both highway and building, are at full swing with many projects underway throughout the state. Wholesale, retail and service industries will continue at a high rate as milder weather in Montana draws tourist trade. Agricultural employment will also remain high with haying, irrigating, berry picking, summer fallowing and harvesting.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

June 1973

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	90	78	661
CEP	48	39	200
MDTA (Inst.)	10	66	202
JOBS	13	13	42
JOP	30	30	72
Job Corps	9	16	172

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[1/]

June 1973

Social Characteristics	*Percent* of Total Covered Unemployment
Non-White	*3.2%*
Female	*48.1%*
Youth	*10.5%*
Over 45	*33.0%*

1/ *Based on 30% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	*8.8*	*6.6*	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	*9.0*	*6.6*	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	*8.3*	*6.3*	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	*7.1*	*5.7*	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	*7.1*	*6.5*	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	*5.9*	*5.9*	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	*5.7*	*5.8*	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	*5.3*	*5.4*	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	*6.3*	*5.7*	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	*7.2*	*5.5*	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	*6.9*	*5.9*	1.5
1972								
January	280.8	254.7	229.6	25.1	26.0	*9.3*	*6.4*	.1
February	281.5	255.1	229.8	25.3	26.3	*9.3*	*6.4*	.1
March	289.5	263.8	233.9	29.9	25.6	*8.8*	*6.1*	.1
April	296.3	273.8	235.9	37.9	22.4	*7.6*	*5.5*	.1
May	300.7	280.0	240.7	39.3	20.5	*6.8*	*5.1*	.2
June	323.3	298.3	248.8	49.5	24.9	*7.7*	*6.2*	.1
July	313.2	292.4	246.1	46.3	20.4	*6.5*	*5.8*	.4
August	317.7	296.5	245.6	50.9	20.6	*6.4*	*5.5*	.6
September	295.1	277.1	240.3	36.8	17.7	*6.0*	*5.4*	.3
October	286.7	269.6	239.2	30.4	17.0	*5.9*	*5.1*	.1
November	289.5	268.5	238.0	30.5	20.9	*7.2*	*4.9*	.1
December	294.4	266.1	238.5	27.6	28.1	*9.7*	*4.7*	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	*7.6*	*5.6*	.2
1973								
January	386.2	258.8	234.5	24.3	26.2	*9.2*	*5.5*	.1
February	283.8	260.7	235.4	25.3	23.1	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	290.3	268.1	238.8	29.3	22.2	*7.7*	*5.2*	*
April	295.9	275.9	240.7	35.2	19.8	*6.7*	*4.8*	.2
May	302.7	284.2	245.6	38.6	18.2	*6.0*	*4.3*	.3
June	316.4	295.4	252.4	43.0	21.0	*6.6*	*5.4*	-
July	*308.6*	*289.6*	*249.4*	*40.2*	*19.0*	*6.2*		
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under .5* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1957*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers*

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	*6.8*	*8.8*	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	*7.1*	*9.0*	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	*6.6*	*8.3*	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	*5.8*	*7.1*	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	*5.4*	*5.8*	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*7.1*	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	*6.5*	*6.2*	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	*6.0*	*5.7*	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	*4.8*	*5.3*	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	*6.1*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	*6.1*	*6.9*	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	*7.6*	*9.3*	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	*7.5*	*9.3*	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*8.8*	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	*5.6*	*7.6*	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	*5.2*	*6.8*	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	*7.9*	*7.7*	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	*6.9*	*6.5*	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	*6.9*	*6.4*	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.0*	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	*6.5*	*5.9*	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	*7.4*	*7.2*	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	*8.1*	*9.7*	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	31.5	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.3	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.7	*8.7*	*8.1*	*
March	31.4	28.9	27.8	1.1	2.5	*7.9*	*7.7*	*
April	32.5	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.3	*6.9*	*6.7*	*
May	32.8	30.4	28.8	1.6	2.4	*7.3*	*6.0*	*
June	34.0	31.5	29.3	2.2	2.5	*7.4*	*6.6*	-
July	*33.0*	*30.8*	*28.8*	*2.0*	*2.2*	*6.7*	*6.2*	
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under .50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Series began January 1962*

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Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	*6.7*	*8.8*	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	*7.2*	*9.0*	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	*7.1*	*8.3*	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	*5.6*	*7.1*	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	*4.9*	*5.8*	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	*6.6*	*7.1*	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	*5.8*	*6.2*	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	*5.6*	*5.9*	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	*5.4*	*5.7*	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	*4.4*	*5.3*	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	*5.8*	*6.3*	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	*6.2*	*7.2*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	*7.2*	*9.3*	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	*7.4*	*9.3*	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	*7.2*	*8.8*	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	*5.6*	*7.6*	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*6.8*	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	*7.0*	*7.7*	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	*6.1*	*6.5*	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	*5.8*	*6.4*	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	*4.8*	*5.9*	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	*5.7*	*7.2*	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	*6.0*	*9.7*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	40.7	37.4	36.2	1.2	3.3	*8.0*	*9.2*	*
February	40.0	37.6	36.3	1.3	2.4	*6.0*	*8.1*	*
March	40.3	38.2	36.7	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*7.7*	0
April	41.4	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.1	*5.1*	*6.7*	*
May	41.8	39.7	38.1	1.6	2.1	*5.1*	*6.0*	*
June	44.6	41.8	39.3	2.5	2.8	*6.3*	*6.6*	-
July	*44.4*	*42.0*	*39.4*	*2.6*	*2.4*	*5.4*	*6.2*	
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* *Series began January 1962*

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Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

JUNE 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	316.4	302.7	323.3	13.7	-6.9
2. Unemployment	21.0	18.2	24.9	2.8	-3.9
Percent of Work Force#	*6.6*	*6.0*	*7.7*	*.6*	*-1.1*
3. Employment, Total	295.4	284.2	298.3	11.2	-2.9
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	224.6	217.3	219.1	7.3	5.5
MANUFACTURING	25.1	24.5	25.2	.6	-.1
Durable Goods	16.5	16.0	16.8	.5	-.3
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.4	8.8	9.1	.6	.3
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.4	4.1	0	-.7
Other Durable Goods	3.7	3.8	3.6	-.1	.1
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.5	8.4	.1	.2
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.0	4.1	4.1	-.1	-.1
27 Printing and Publishing	2.1	2.0	1.9	.1	.2
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.0	1.1	.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	.1
NONMANUFACTURING	199.5	192.8	193.9	6.7	5.6
Mining	6.5	6.5	6.1	0	.4
10 Metal Mining	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	.2
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.1	1.0	.9	.1	.2
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.6	1.7	1.6	-.1	0

Contract Construction	11.9	10.8	11.6	1.1	.3
15 General Building Contractors	3.5	3.3	2.9	.2	.6
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	4.2	3.7	4.5	.5	-.3
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.2	3.8	4.2	.4	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.0	17.8	18.2	.2	-.2
40 Railroad Transportation	6.4	6.3	6.5	.1	-.1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	-.2
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.7	6.6	6.6	.1	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	55.6	54.4	52.9	1.2	2.7
Wholesale Trade	11.0	10.6	10.2	.4	.8
Retail Trade	44.6	43.8	42.7	.8	1.9
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.1	7.1	7.0	0	.1
54 Food Stores	5.7	5.7	5.9	0	-.2
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.6	8.6	8.7	0	-.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	14.8	14.1	12.8	.7	2.0
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	8.4	8.3	8.3	.1	.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	9.1	9.0	8.9	.1	.2
Services	38.8	37.0	38.2	1.8	.6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	6.2	4.5	6.2	1.7	0
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.3	2.4	.1	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.4	12.4	12.2	0	.2
Other Services	17.8	17.8	17.4	0	.4
Government	59.6	57.3	58.0	2.3	1.6
91 Federal Government	12.6	11.8	13.1	.8	-.5
92 & 93 State and Local Government	47.0	45.5	44.9	1.5	2.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	27.8	28.3	29.7	-.5	-1.9
(c) Agriculture	43.0	38.6	49.5	4.4	-6.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	.3	.1	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

** Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1964*
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 # Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

JUNE 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1973	June 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	34.0	32.8	34.3	1.2	-.3
2. Unemployment	2.5	2.4	2.7	.1	-.2
Percent of Work Force#	*7.4*	*7.3*	*7.9*	*.1*	*-.5*
3. Employment, Total	31.5	30.4	31.6	1.1	-.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	27.1	26.7	27.2	.4	-.1
MANUFACTURING	2.3	2.2	2.7	.1	-.4
NONMANUFACTURING	24.8	24.5	24.5	.3	.3
Contract Construction	1.9	1.8	1.9	.1	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.3	2.2	2.3	.1	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.7	7.6	7.6	.1	.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	.2
Government	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	-.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.2	2.1	2.3	.1	-.1
(c) Agriculture	2.2	1.6	2.1	.6	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	*	0	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

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\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Employment by Industry

JUNE 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1973	June 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	44.6	41.8	42.9	2.8	1.7
2. Unemployment	2.8	2.1	3.0	.7	-.2
Percent of Work Force#	*6.3*	*5.1*	*7.0*	*1.2*	*-.7*
3. Employment, Total	41.8	39.7	39.9	2.1	1.9
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	35.0	34.0	33.4	1.0	1.6
MANUFACTURING	3.8	3.6	3.6	.2	.2
NONMANUFACTURING	31.2	30.4	29.8	.8	1.4
Contract Construction	2.3	2.2	2.3	.1	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.3	3.2	3.1	.1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.6	10.4	10.2	.2	.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Services and Mining	7.0	6.8	6.4	.2	.6
Government	6.2	6.0	6.0	.2	.2
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.3	4.1	3.9	.2	.4
(c) Agriculture	2.5	1.6	2.6	.9	-.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	*	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

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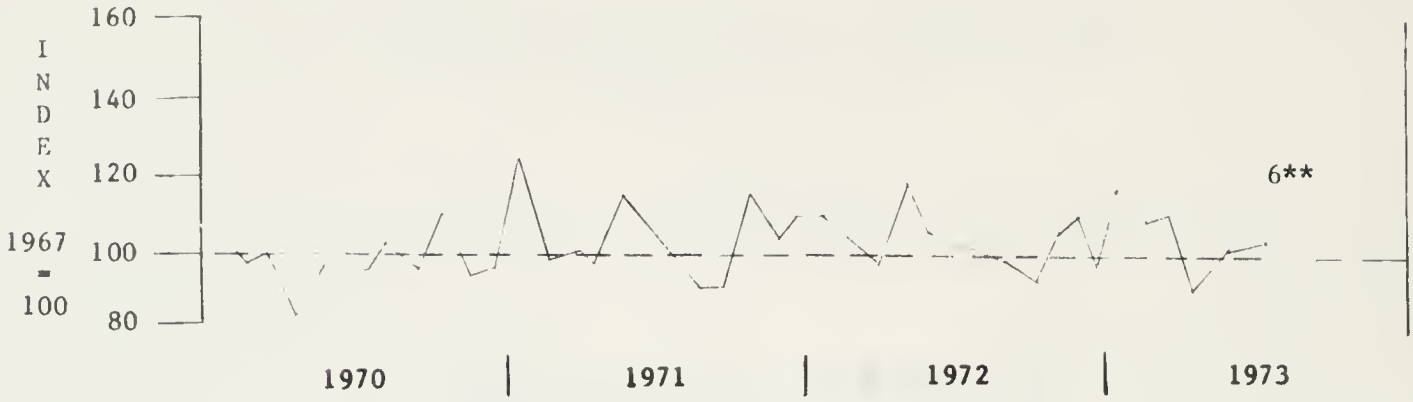
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1972	
January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9
1973	
January	116.0
February	106.5
March	107.4
April	89.6
May	99.3
June	100.7p
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

Montana's Composite Index showed improved economic activity throughout the State during May and June; however, the level remained slightly lower than last year.

It is not known at this time how national economic policy Phase IV will affect Montana.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

Table VII

MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	*6.9*	*6.0*	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	*6.8*	*5.8*	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	*6.5*	*6.0*	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	*6.5*	*6.1*	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	*6.3*	*6.2*	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	*6.5*	*5.6*	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	*7.0*	*5.8*	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	*7.6*	*6.1*	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	*7.6*	*6.0*	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	*7.3*	*5.8*	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	*6.4*	*6.0*	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	*7.1*	*6.0*	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	*6.9*	*5.9*	1.5
1972								
January	298.3	276.5	241.9	34.6	21.7	*7.3*	*5.9*	.1
February	299.0	277.6	242.7	34.9	21.3	*7.1*	*5.7*	.1
March	302.0	281.0	246.2	34.8	20.9	*6.9*	*5.9*	.1
April	302.2	281.0	242.2	38.8	21.1	*7.0*	*5.9*	.1
May	300.8	278.4	240.9	37.5	22.2	*7.4*	*5.9*	.2
June	297.2	275.9	238.8	37.1	21.2	*7.2*	*5.5*	.1
July	289.8	268.2	235.0	33.2	21.2	*7.3*	*5.5*	.4
August	296.9	271.6	233.0	38.6	24.7	*8.3*	*5.6*	.6
September	294.9	271.0	231.5	39.5	23.6	*7.9*	*5.5*	.3
October	292.1	268.2	236.4	31.8	23.8	*8.1*	*5.5*	.1
November	294.7	272.6	238.5	34.1	22.0	*7.4*	*5.2*	.1
December	304.2	275.1	240.9	34.2	28.9	*9.4*	*5.1*	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	*7.6*	*5.6*	.2
1973								
January	303.3	281.3	247.1	34.2	21.9	*7.2*	*5.0*	.1
February	302.7	284.0	248.6	35.4	18.7	*6.2*	*5.1*	*
March	304.9	286.7	251.4	35.3	18.2	*6.0*	*5.0*	*
April	301.0	282.1	247.1	35.0	18.7	*6.2*	*5.0*	.2
May	302.1	282.1	245.8	36.3	19.7	*6.5*	*5.0*	.3
June	292.5	274.6	242.2	32.4	17.9	*6.1*	*4.8*	-
July	*286.8*	*267.1*	*238.2*	*28.9*	*19.7*	6.8		
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1957*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table VIII

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	*5.5*	*6.9*	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	*5.8*	*6.8*	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	*5.8*	*6.5*	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	*5.7*	*6.5*	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	*5.4*	*6.3*	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	*6.0*	*6.5*	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	*6.8*	*7.0*	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	*7.4*	*7.6*	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	*7.3*	*7.6*	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	*6.1*	*7.3*	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	*5.8*	*6.4*	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.1*	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	*6.1*	*6.9*	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	*6.3*	*7.3*	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	*6.3*	*7.1*	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	*5.6*	*6.9*	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	*5.5*	*7.0*	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	*5.3*	*7.4*	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	*7.1*	*7.2*	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	*7.2*	*7.3*	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	*8.2*	*8.3*	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	*8.4*	*7.9*	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	*8.3*	*8.1*	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	*7.7*	*7.4*	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	*8.6*	*9.4*	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	32.8	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.5	*7.6*	*7.2*	*
February	32.4	30.1	28.8	1.3	2.3	*7.1*	*6.2*	*
March	32.2	30.0	28.7	1.3	2.2	*6.8*	*6.0*	*
April	32.9	30.6	29.0	1.6	2.3	*7.0*	*6.2*	*
May	32.8	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.5	*7.6*	*6.5*	*
June	32.3	30.2	28.2	2.0	2.1	*6.5*	*6.1*	-
July	*31.6*	*29.4*	*27.9*	*1.5*	*2.2*	*7.0*	*6.8*	
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table IX

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	*5.7*	*6.9*	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	*6.8*	*6.8*	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	*6.1*	*6.5*	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	*5.8*	*6.5*	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	*5.4*	*6.5*	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	*6.0*	*7.0*	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	*6.3*	*7.6*	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	*6.4*	*7.6*	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	*6.0*	*7.3*	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	*6.4*	*6.4*	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	*6.4*	*7.1*	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	*6.1*	*7.3*	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	*5.9*	*7.1*	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	*6.0*	*6.9*	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	*5.7*	*7.0*	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	*6.3*	*7.4*	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	*5.7*	*7.2*	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	*6.3*	*7.3*	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	*6.7*	*8.3*	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	*6.2*	*7.9*	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	*6.5*	*8.1*	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	*6.2*	*7.4*	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	*6.3*	*9.4*	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	*6.1*	*7.6*	*
1973								
January	42.4	39.5	37.6	1.9	2.9	*6.8*	*7.2*	*
February	41.6	39.6	37.6	2.0	2.0	*4.8*	*6.2*	*
March	41.6	39.8	37.9	1.9	1.8	*4.3*	*6.0*	0
April	41.9	39.7	38.2	1.5	2.2	*5.3*	*6.2*	*
May	41.6	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.3	*5.5*	*6.5*	*
June	42.1	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.2	*5.2*	*6.1*	-
July	*43.3*	*40.9*	*38.8*	*2.1*	*2.4*	*5.5*	*6.8*	
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50* *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JUNE 1973

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972	June 1973	May 1973	June 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	$138.73	$137.25	$135.41	36.7	36.6	37.2	$3.78	$3.75	$3.64
MANUFACTURING	179.65	176.36	170.89	40.1	39.9	40.4	4.48	4.42	4.23
Durable Goods	179.01	175.77	170.96	40.5	40.5	40.9	4.42	4.34	4.18
Primary Metal Industries	171.47	169.69	160.37	39.6	39.1	39.5	4.33	4.34	4.06
Nondurable Goods	180.89	178.10	173.05	38.9	38.3	38.8	4.65	4.65	4.46
Food and Kindred Products	168.50	165.59	157.92	40.7	39.9	40.7	4.14	4.15	3.88
MINING	186.05	187.37	186.87	40.8	41.0	41.9	4.56	4.57	4.46
Metal Mining	185.26	185.26	187.42	40.1	40.1	41.1	4.62	4.62	4.56
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	228.64	241.42	226.31	36.7	38.2	38.1	6.23	6.32	5.94
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	209.87	210.93	198.29	39.9	40.1	42.1	5.26	5.26	4.71
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	167.90	169.73	171.07	37.9	38.4	39.6	4.43	4.42	4.32
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	112.58	109.70	108.17	36.2	35.5	35.7	3.11	3.09	3.03
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	104.16	103.04	96.93	37.2	37.2	35.9	2.80	2.77	2.70
SERVICES	87.19	87.38	85.60	32.9	33.1	33.7	2.65	2.64	2.54

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector Series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XI

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

MAY 1973

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	May 1973	Apr. 1973	May 1972	May 1973	Apr. 1973	May 1972	May 1973	Apr. 1973	May 1972	May 1973	Apr. 1973	May 1972	May 1973	Apr. 1973	May 1972
MANUFACTURING	5.4	3.9	4.4	4.5	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.9	2.4	1.9	2.6	.7	1.1	.5
Durable Goods	6.1	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	5.1	4.6	2.9	2.4	3.3	.5	1.5	.5
Primary Metal Industries	4.9	2.1	2.8	2.1	.6	1.1	2.3	5.2	3.1	.7	.8	2.3	1.2	3.1	*
Nondurable Goods	4.3	2.2	3.1	3.8	1.9	3.0	2.7	1.9	2.7	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.0	.4	.6
MINING	6.0	5.1	3.9	2.9	3.3	2.0	6.2	7.5	5.7	3.1	4.1	3.3	.1	*	.3
Metal Mining	6.8	6.0	5.5	2.1	3.0	2.4	6.5	7.4	5.2	2.3	2.4	1.9	.1	.1	.1

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

Table XII

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES

In Selected Industries

(Percent)

MAY 1973

	May 1973	Apr. 1973	May 1972
MANUFACTURING	.4	.9	.5
Durable Goods	.2	1.2	.7
Primary Metal Industries	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	.6	.2	.3
MINING	1.7	1.9	.7

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

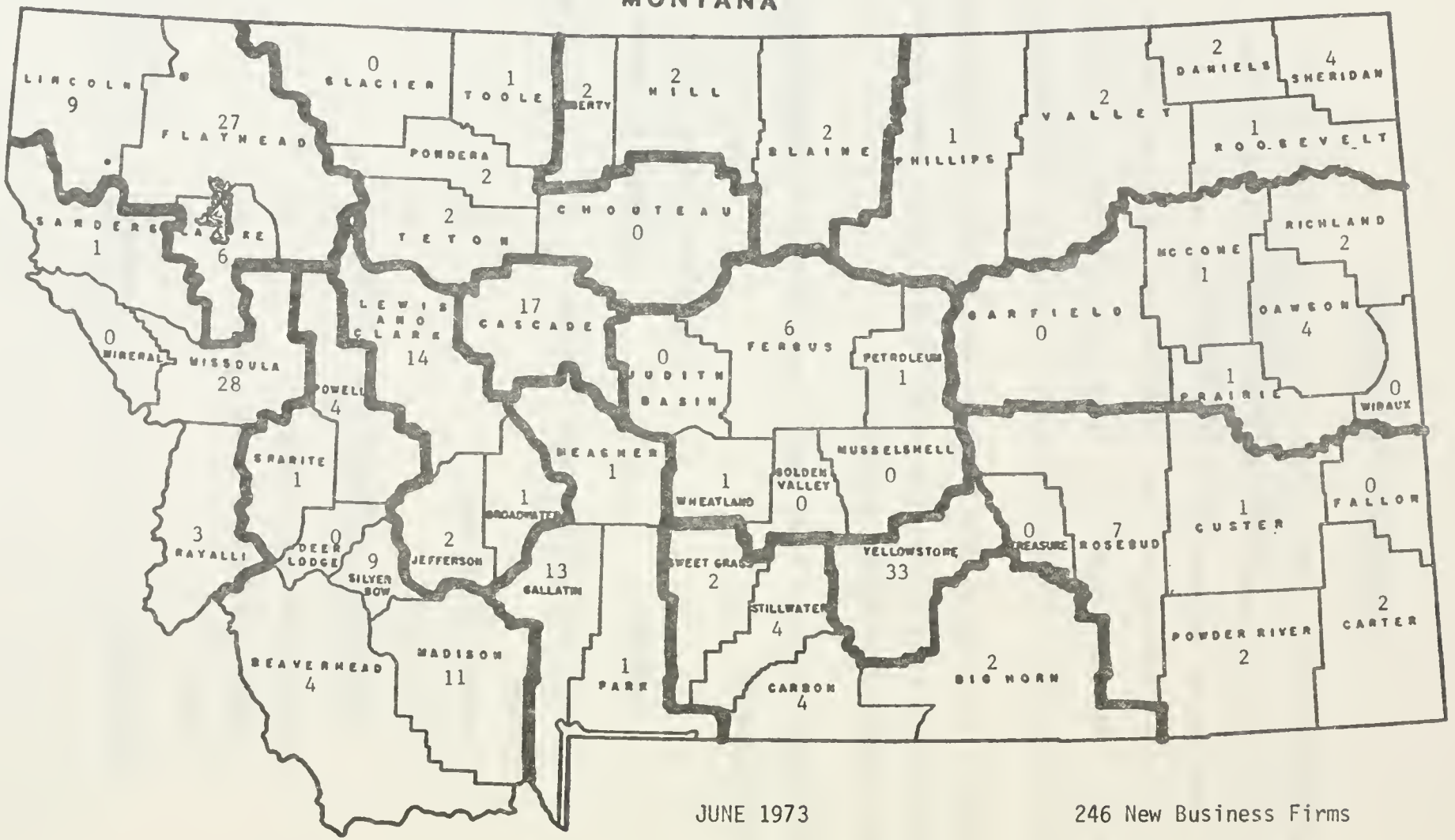
New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of June, 1973. Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in June by industry:

Industry	Number
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	25
MINING	11
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	42
MANUFACTURING	14
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	14
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	53
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	21
SERVICES	66
TOTAL	246

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS
IN
MONTANA



JUNE 1973

246 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

Chouteau
Glacier
Pondera
Teton
Toole

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The Montana State Employment Service maintains 23 local employment offices in the principal cities of Montana. You are invited to call on any of these offices for assistance in filling positions in your organization, additional labor market information, and for other services in connection with your employment problems.